



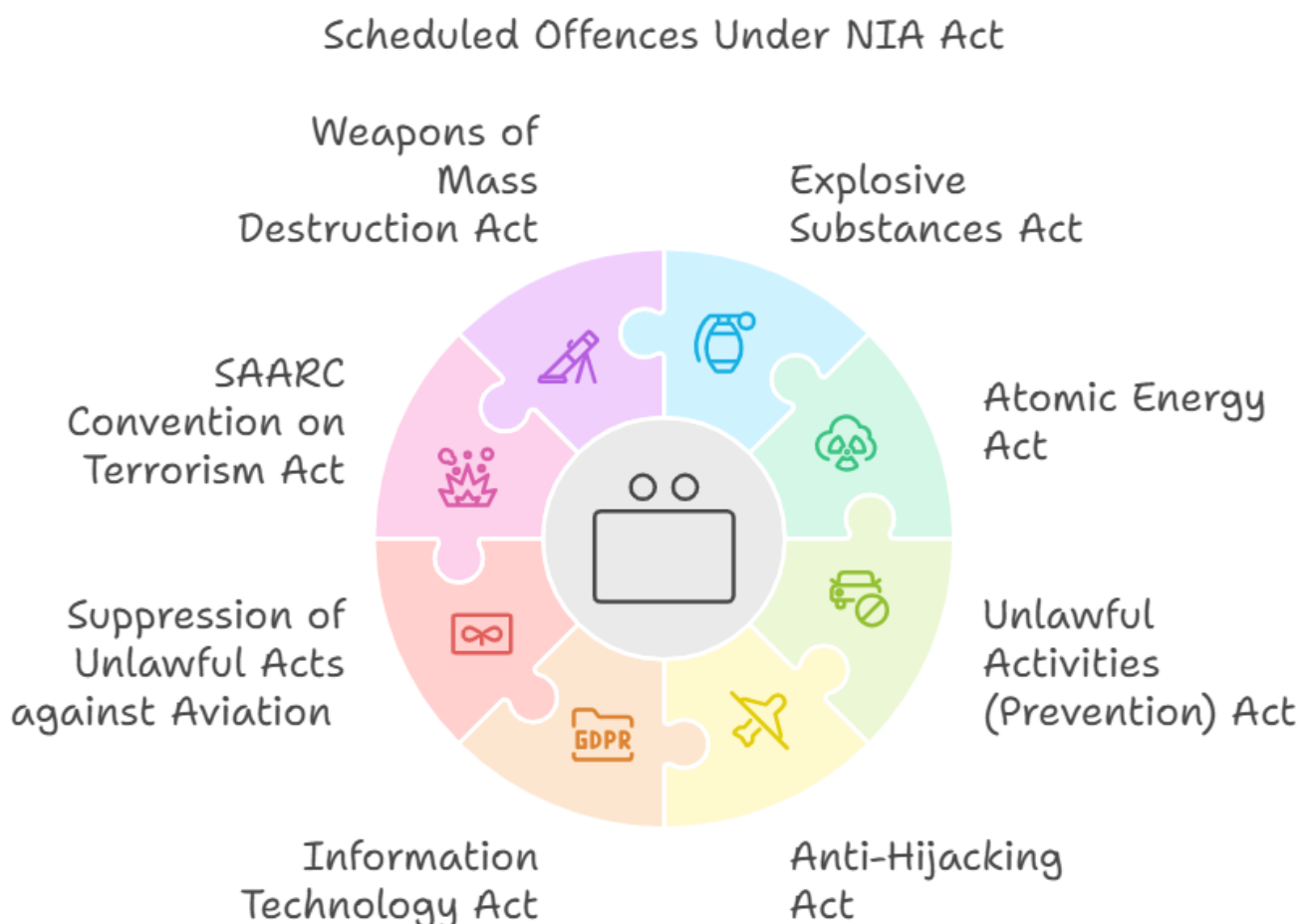
NIA can Probe Linked Non-Scheduled Offences: SC

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Recently, the [Supreme Court \(SC\)](#) has held that the [National Investigation Agency \(NIA\)](#) has the power to probe **non-scheduled offences** if they are **linked to scheduled offences** under the NIA Act.

- The SC clarified that the **NIA can probe offences under the [NDPS Act, 1985](#)** (not scheduled under the NIA Act) **if they are connected to offences under the [UAPA](#)**, which is scheduled under the Act.
- **Scheduled Offences Under NIA Act, 2008:**

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- The **NDPS Act, 1985** regulates narcotics-related activities, penalizing offences like drug

trafficking with imprisonment (10–20 years), fines (minimum Rs 1 lakh), and death for severe repeat offences.

- It also mandates property forfeiture linked to drug crimes and established the **Narcotics Control Bureau** in 1986 for enforcement.

▪ **NIA** is India's **central counter-terrorism law enforcement agency**, established under the **NIA Act, 2008**.

- It investigates offences affecting India's sovereignty, security, and integrity, including **cross-border crimes** like arms smuggling, drug trafficking, and fake currency circulation.
- It operates under the **Ministry of Home Affairs**.

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